States	Districts
Karnataka	30. Bidar 31. Gulbarga 32. Bijapur
Maharashtra	33. Greater Bombay 34. Aurangabad
Andhra Pradesh	35. Hyderabad 36. Kurnool
Haryana	37. Gurgaon
Madhya Pradesh	38. Bhopal
Rajasthan	39. Jaislalmer
Gujarat	40. Kutch

The number of identified districts has since gone up to 41 consequent on the bifurcation of 24 Parganas district in West Bangal into North and South 24 Parganas.

Rise in prices of primary articles and manufactured products

1096. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE pe pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 413 given in the Rajya Sapha on the 26th November, 1991 and state:

(a) the extent to which the prices of primary articles including cereals rose during the six months ended September 30, 1991 with details regarding price rise of each article;

(b) the extent of rise in the prices of fuel, power, light and lubricants during the same period;

(c) the extent of rise in the prices of manufactured products during the same period; and

(d) what has been the trend (weekly movement) in the prices of essential commodities during September, to November, 1991 alongwith the rates of inflation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The extent of the increase in the prices of primary articles in terms of the movement of the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) during the six months ended September 28, 1991 is given in statement I (*See* below).
September 28, 1991.

(b) and (c) The prices of fuel, power, light and lubricants increased by 4.9 per cent and that of manufactured products by 7.1 per cent during the six-months ended September 28, 1991.

(d) The trends (weekly movement) in the prices of essential commodities during September to November, 1991 along with the rates of inflation are given in statement II (*See* below)

Statement I

Movement of WPI of Primary Articles April to September, 1991
(Base: 1981-82)-100

Items/Commodities	Weight	Per cent change during six months
1	2	3
ALL COMMODITIES	100·00	8·8
I PRIMARY ARTICLES	32·30	12·8
(A) Food articles	17·39	16·4
(a) Foodgrains (Cereals + &Pulses)	7·92	10·9
all Cereals	6·82	10·7
Rice	3·69	17·5

1	2	3
Wheat	2·25	—3·6
Jowar	0·42	23·7
Bajra	0.18	28·7
Maize	0.19	22·5
Barley	0.05	5·3
Ragi	0.05	15·0
a2 Pulses	1.09	12.0
Gram	0.41	3·6
Arhar	0·27	21·0
Moong	0·20	11·1
Masur	0·05	15·7
Urad	0·15	12·1
b. Fruits & Vegetables	4·09	31.1
b1 Vegetables	1.29	66·7
Potatoes	0·47	94·9
Onions	0·16	51·5
b2 Fruits	2·80	15·8
c. Milk	1·96	1·0
d. Eggs, Fish & Meat	1·79	10·1
Eggs	0.26	19·2
Fish	0·51	6.0
Mutton	0·52	2·0
e. Condiments & Spices	0·95	39·0
Chilies(Dry)	0·32	113.4
f. Other food articles	0·69	7.1
Tea	0·56	12.2
Coffee	0·13	—9.2
(B) Non-food articles	10·08	8·6
a. Fibres	1.79	22.0
Raw Cotton	1·34	29.1
Raw Jute	0·16	—15·8
b. Oil seeds	3·86	13.5
c. Other non-food articles	4·43	—0.9

1	2	3	4
(C)	Minerals	4·83	5·1
a.	Petroleum crude & natural gas	4·27	1·9
II.	FUEL, POWER, LIGHT & LUBRICANTS	10·66	4·9
a.	Coal Mining	1·26	0·0
b.	Mineral oils	6·67	7·0
c.	Electricity	2·74	3·1

Statement II

Weekly Movement in the Wholesale Price Indices of Essential Commodities during Sep.-Nov. 16, 1991

Commodities	Wholesale Price Index on week ending (Base:1981=82=100)		Percentage Increase in the WPI during Sept.-Nov. 16, 1991	Annual Rate of Inflation (per cent)	
	31-8-91	16-11-91		As on 31st Aug. 91	As on 16th Nov. 91
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
All Commodities	210·3	210·4	Neg.	16·4	13·7
Food articles	247·7	251·5	1·5	23·3	24·8
Rice	215·2	223·9	4·0	19·8	25·7
Wheat	199·7	201·9	1·1	24·5	18·9
Jowar	186·6	208·7	11·8	52·5	68.7
Bajra	180·7	229·8	27·2	36·8	75·3
Gram	202·5	194·4	—4·0	—5·9	—9·2
Arhar	324·8	316·1	—2·7	40·9	14·0
Moong	226·6	238·7	5·3	16·3	17·9
Masur	262·5	256·5	—2·3	36·4	16·0
Urad	328·9	328·1	—0·3	27·9	18·2
Potatoes	331·4	439·5	32·6	35·9	57·1
Onions	332·6	278·1	13·8	68·8	—1·1
Milk	333·0	242·3	4·0	10·9	17·6
Fish	218·7	220·6	0·9	12.5	1·8

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Meat (Mutton)	243·4	242·8	—0.2	14·0	10·3
Chillies	395·8	408·1	3·1	249·0	216·6
Tea	295·6	273·6	—7.5	0·6	—7·8
Atta	206·3	215·3	4·4	17·8	18·3
Sugar	161·0	156·6	2·7	13·9	10·2
Gur	193·2	169·2	—12·1	8·8	—2·1
Mustard oil	253·8	260·8	3·1	28·2	13·6
Coconut oil	285·5	331·4	16·1	35.2	40.2
Groundnut oil . . .	269·4	271·8	0·9	22·4	21·8
Salt	199·7	200·7	0·5	21·4	21·0
Hydrgoenated vanaspati .	282·5	295·2	4·5	21·1	20·4
Others					
Soft coke	253·8	253·8	..	..	..
Kerosene	145·4	145·5	..	12·0	—9·9
Long cloth/sheating . . .	155·0	155·0	..	7·9	3·1
Dhoti, saries, voils . . .	175·0	176·2	0·7	8·6	7·2
Washing soap . . .	171·9	171.9	..	10.9	10· 2
Safety Matches . . .	134·4	134·4	..	..	..

IMF proposal on India's defence expenditure

1097. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IMF proposed that India should cut its defence expenditure; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Outflow of foreign exchange by way of interest payment on NRI Deposits

1098. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 63 given to the Rajya Sabha on the 26th November, 1991 and state:

(a) what was the outflow of foreign exchange in payment of interest on NRI deposits during 1990-91; and

(b) what are the rates of interest offered for such deposits as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No separate record to respect of outflow by way